

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

The paragraph starting on line 21 of page 9 has been amended as follows:

Fig. 3 illustrates an example of an electrode structure at both the primary portion and at the secondary portion. A circumferential electrode is provided on the primary portion both at the top side 4 and at the bottom side 5. The secondary portion is formed as a multilayer structure with inner electrodes [69, 66]6a, 6b. These inner electrodes [69, 66]6a, 6b are alternately connected to one output terminal 7 and the other output terminal 8.

Claims 12-21, 23, and 24 have been amended as follows:

12. (Amended) A piezoelectric transformer as claimed in claim 1, wherein [the]a ratio b/h between width b of the wall of the annular body and [the]a height h of the wall of the annular body (the height h being the thickness of the annular body) is at the most 0.25.

13. (Amended) A piezoelectric transformer as claimed in claim 1, wherein [the]a ratio b/h is between 0.35 and 0.8.

14. (Amended) A piezoelectric transformer as claimed in claim 1, wherein [the]a ratio b/h is between 0.4 and 0.7.

15. (Amended) A piezoelectric transformer as claimed in claim 1, wherein [the]a ratio o/b between [the]a transverse dimension o of the

opening of the annular body and [the]a width b of the wall part of the body surrounding the opening is at least 0.5.

16. (Amended) A piezoelectric transformer as claimed in claim 15, wherein [the]a ratio o/b between [the]a transverse dimension o of the opening of the annular body and [the]a width b of the wall part of the body surrounding the opening is at least 1.

17. (Amended) A piezoelectric transformer as claimed in claim 1, wherein [the]a ratio o/b between [the]a transverse dimension o of the opening of the annular body and [the]a width b of the wall part of the body surrounding the opening is at least 1.5.

18. (Amended) A piezoelectric transformer as claimed in claim 1, wherein [the]a ratio o/b between [the]a transverse dimension o of the opening of the annular body and [the]a width b of the wall part of the body surrounding the opening is at least 2.

19. (Amended) A piezoelectric transformer as claimed in claim 1, wherein [the]a ratio o/b between [the]a transverse dimension o of the opening of the annular body and [the]a width b of the wall part of the body surrounding the opening is at least 3.

20. (Amended) A piezoelectric transformer as claimed in claim 1, wherein [the]a ratio o/b between [the]a transverse dimension o of the opening of the annular body and [the]a width b of the wall part of the body surrounding the opening is at least 5.

21. (Amended) A piezoelectric transformer as claimed in claim 1, wherein [the]a ratio o/b between [the]a transverse dimension o of the

opening of the annular body and [the]a width b of the wall part of the body surrounding the opening is in the interval of 1-5.

23. (Amended) A piezoelectric transformer as claimed in claim 1, wherein [the] electrodes of one or both portions of the piezoelectric body are embedded in their respective portion, and the piezoelectric material between the respective other portion and the embedded electrode which is closest to that other portion is used as a galvanic separation while still actively participating in the power transfer.

24. (Amended) A piezoelectric transformer comprising a piezoelectric body which comprises a primary portion and a secondary portion, both the primary portion and the secondary portion being able to generate and transform piezoelectric vibrations in accordance with an AC Voltage fed to one portion while a transformed voltage can be delivered from the other portion, [the] electrodes of one or both portions of the piezoelectric body being embedded in their respective portion, and [the] piezoelectric material between the respective other portion and the embedded electrode which is closest to that other portion is used as a galvanic separation while still actively participating in the power transfer.